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Joint Resolution

July 3, 1984 [S.J. Res. 230] To designate the week of October 7, 1984 through October 13, 1984 as "National Birds of Prey Conservation Week".

Whereas hawks, owls, and other birds of prey are vital ecological components of the wildlife communities in which they live, and are important environmental indicators of ecosystem quality;

Whereas forty of the fifty-three species of birds of prey that occur regularly in the United States have been listed by one or more State conservation agencies as endangered, extirpated, threatened, or of concern:

Whereas public attitudes regarding birds of prey are changing to one of appreciation and understanding; and

Whereas over a million Americans are birdwatchers who regularly observe hawks and other birds of prey every autumn at migration outlooks located on major raptor flyways scattered from California to Maine, and from Minnesota to Florida and Texas: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week of October 7, 1984, through October 13, 1984, is designated as "National Birds of Prey Conservation Week", and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon individuals to observe such a week by considering the importance of birds of prey in wildlife communities.

Approved July 3, 1984.